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Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

As to the disclosure:

Please insert at page 1, line 4, --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 represents a theoretical diagram of a wilted leaf of a recombining plant of the *Cichorium* species according to the invention. Such a theoretical diagram illustrates the various phenotype characters allowing to define a recombining plant of the invention, or one sub-type thereof.

Figure 2 is a photograph of a F4 generation recombining plant having very numerous narrow leaves on a plate-shaped root neck of the PPI phenotype sub-class.

Figure 3 is a photograph of a F4 generation recombining plant with branched leaves of the SCA phenotype sub-class.

Figure 4 is a photograph of a F4 generation recombining plant with very dentate branched leaves representative of the TFR phenotype sub-class.

Figure 5 is a photograph of a F4 generation recombining plant with a typology similar to the endive with a narrow and indented leaf representative of the GPI phenotype sub-class.

Figure 6 is a photograph illustrating the comparison between four recombining plants of the *Cichorium* species of the F4 generation GPI type according to the invention (arranged vertically, on the top of the figure) with a plant of the *Cichorium intybus L* species, also called endive (arranged horizontally, at the bottom of the figure).

Figure 7 is a photograph showing in detail the indentations of leaves of a recombining plant of the *Cichorium* species of the F4 generation GPI type according to the invention.

Figure 8 is a photograph illustrating a recombining plant of the *Cichorium* species of the F4 generation GPI type according to the invention, adapted for forcing cultivation.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

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